

EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2022

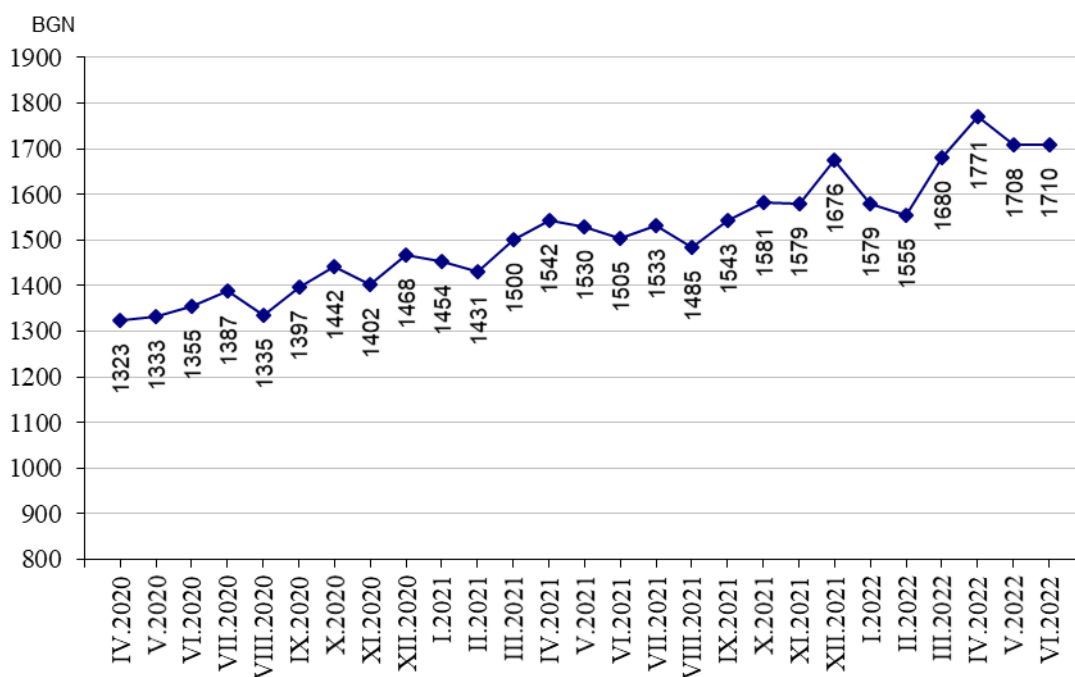
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of June 2022, the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 34.4 thousand, or 1.5%, as compared to the end of March 2022 and reached 2.31 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 30.5%, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 4.6% and in ‘Real estate activities’ - by 4.1%. The highest decrease of the number of employees was recorded in economic activities: ‘Education’ - by 1.6% and ‘Construction’ - by 1.2%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities, the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 20.4% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 16.6%.

At the end of June 2022, as compared to June 2021, the number of employees under labour contract increased by 3.1 thousand, or 0.1%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Information and communication’ - 5.7 thousand, ‘Human health and social work activities’ - 5.6 thousand and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 4.9 thousand, and the highest decrease was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 7.0 thousand and in ‘Construction’ - 5.3 thousand. In percentages, the highest increase at the end of June 2022 as compared to June 2021 was in economic activity ‘Real estate activities’ - by 5.3%, ‘Information and communication’ - by 5.1% and in ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 4.5%, as the highest decrease was reported in ‘Construction’ - by 4.1%.

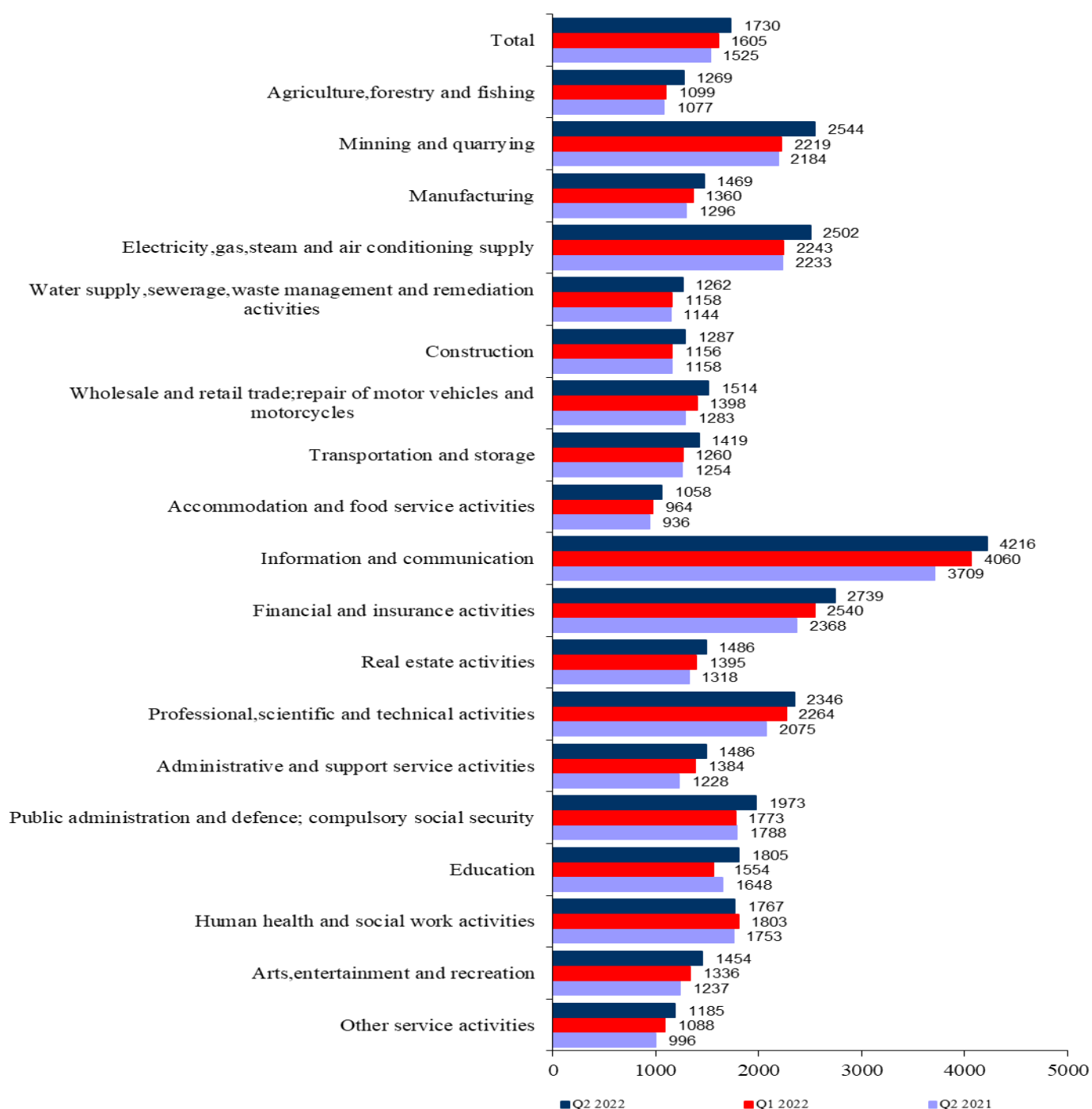
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April was 1 771 BGN, in May - 1 708 BGN and in June 2022 - 1 710 BGN.

Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the second quarter of 2022, in comparison with the first quarter of 2022, the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 7.8% and reached 1 730 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in ‘Education’ - by 16.2%, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 15.5% and in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 14.6%. A decrease of wages and salaries by 2.0% was recorded in economic activity ‘Human health and social work activities’.

Figure 2. Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities (BGN)



Compared to the second quarter of 2021, the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2022 rose by 13.4%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 21.0%, ‘Other service activities’ - by 19.0% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - by 18.0%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2022 were:

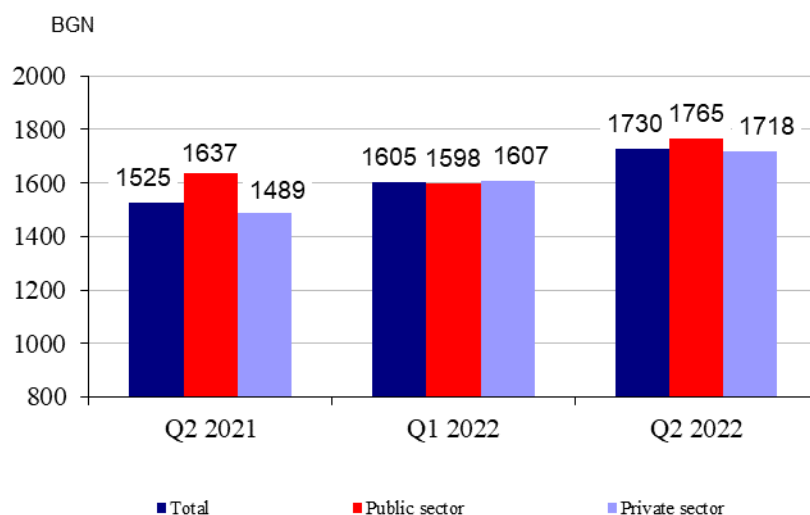
- ‘Information and communication’ - 4 216 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 739 BGN
- ‘Mining and quarrying’ - 2 544 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 1 058 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 1 185 BGN
- ‘Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities’ - 1 262 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier, the average monthly wages and salaries in the public sector grew by 7.8%, while in the private sector - by 15.4%.

Figure 3. Gross average monthly wages and salaries by kind of ownership





Methodological notes

The source of information is the Quarterly Survey on employees, hours worked, wages and salaries, and other expenditures paid by the employer. It is a sample survey which main purpose is to make a study of the current state and dynamics of some main aspects of labour market. The sample used for the survey is a stratified random sample without replacement. Stratification criteria used include: economic activity (NACE rev. 2), size of the enterprise (according to the number of employees) and regional breakdown (28 districts, NUTS3).

More methodological information on the quarterly survey and data can be found on the NSI official website:

<http://www.nsi.bg/sites/default/files/files/metadata/Labour Method 1.1 EN.pdf>;

<http://www.nsi.bg/en/content/6398/short-term-statistics>.



Annex

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2022¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2022		
	April	May	June
Total	2274473	2282185	2308390
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	68246	69323	69860
Mining and quarrying	19062	19046	19053
Manufacturing	470633	469016	470576
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29255	29181	29279
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36594	36691	36889
Construction	124302	123918	124374
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	379870	379733	383013
Transportation and storage	142020	142170	142840
Accommodation and food service activities	90931	99672	113703
Information and communication	114897	115246	115942
Financial and insurance activities	56224	56175	56134
Real estate activities	21309	21451	22028
Professional, scientific and technical activities	82803	82688	82347
Administrative and support service activities	118722	118876	123006
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113928	113966	114168
Education	169072	168104	166423
Human health and social work activities	165812	165869	166222
Arts, entertainment and recreation	34763	34858	35961
Other service activities	36030	36202	36572

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2022¹

(BGN)

Economic activities	2022		
	April	May	June
Total	1771	1708	1710
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1212	1207	1386
Mining and quarrying	2856	2401	2375
Manufacturing	1470	1464	1474
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2480	2534	2493
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1261	1284	1241
Construction	1269	1278	1314
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1528	1508	1505
Transportation and storage	1405	1435	1417
Accommodation and food service activities	1060	1070	1047
Information and communication	4403	4036	4208
Financial and insurance activities	2917	2553	2749
Real estate activities	1452	1468	1538
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2358	2302	2379
Administrative and support service activities	1523	1502	1434
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2389	1769	1760
Education	1751	1905	1759
Human health and social work activities	1818	1743	1738
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1474	1460	1429
Other service activities	1191	1195	1168

¹ Preliminary data.